

Message Text

PAGE 01 STATE 037664
ORIGIN EA-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SS-15 PM-05 INR-10 NSC-05 H-01
DODE-00 /049 R

DRAFTED BY EA/TIMBS:REFRITTS:EVC
APPROVED BY EA - MR. OAKLEY
NSC:MARMACOST
H:ASWIFT
EA/RA-PMU:MEILAND
DOD/ISA:COL. DOUSE
PM:CMDR. BURGESS
-----007965 140029Z /72S

P R 132206Z PEB 78
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE PRIORITY
INFO CINCPAC

S E C R E T STATE 037664

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: XGDS-2

TAGS: MIL, MARR, PINR, SN

SUBJECT: P-3 STAGING FLIGHTS FROM SINGAPORE
REF: SINGAPORE 612

1. DURING VISIT OF PM LEE IN OCTOBER 1977, USG AND GOS
AGREED IN PRINCIPLE ON STAGING P-3 ORION FLIGHTS THROUGH
SINGAPORE, PRIMARILY TO IMPROVE SURVEILLANCE OF SOVIET
ACTIVITIES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. PM LEE NOTED THAT HIS
AGREEMENT WAS CONTINGENT ON ADVANCE CONSULTATION WITH
CHAIRMEN OF CONGRESSIONAL FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEES.
THE REQUIRED CONSULTATIONS (AS WELL AS CONSULTATIONS WITH
THE HOUSE AND SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEES) HAVE BEEN
COMPLETED.

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 037664

2. ACTION REQUESTED: THE AMBASSADOR SHOULD ACCORDINGLY
INFORM PM LEE OF THE SUCCESSFUL CONSULTATIONS AND OUR
INTENT TO CONCLUDE THE AGREEMENT. OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS
FOR THE TEXT OF A PROPOSED NOTE FROM THE EMBASSY TO PM
LEE ARE CONTAINED BEGINNING PARA 3 BELOW. WE BELIEVE A
FORMAL DIPLOMATIC NOTE IS PROBABLY MORE SUITABLE FOR SUCH
AN AGREEMENT AS IT REPRESENTS THE USG. HOWEVER, IF YOU
AND PM LEE PREFER, YOU MAY PROVIDE SAME TEXT IN LETTER
SIGNED BY ASST. SECRETARY HOLBROOKE (POSSIBLY UNDER COVER
OF TRANSMITTAL NOTE). IN THAT CASE, WE WOULD SUBSEQUENTLY

POUCH SIGNED ORIGINAL. WE CONSIDER PRESENTATION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE NOTE (OR LETTER) AS AUTHORITY TO BEGIN COORDINATION OF OPERATIONS WITH GOS.

3. BEGIN TEXT: DURING THE VISIT OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF SINGAPORE, MR. LEE KUAN YEW, TO THE UNITED STATES IN OCTOBER, 1977, HE AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, JIMMY CARTER, DISCUSSED POLITICAL AND STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE INDIAN OCEAN. DURING THE CONVERSATION, THERE WAS MUTUAL AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON THE ADVISABILITY OF STAGING P-3 ORION AIRCRAFT FROM SINGAPORE, PRIMARILY TO MAINTAIN MORE EFFECTIVE SURVEILLANCE OF SOVIET ACTIVITIES, PARTICULARLY IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION AT THE PROSPECT OF A COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT.

THE PRIME MINISTER REQUESTED AND IT WAS AGREED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD CONSULT IN ADVANCE ON THIS MATTER WITH THE CHAIRMEN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS AND THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEES IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN THEIR VIEWS. EMB IS THUS PLEASED TO INFORM GOS
SECRET

PAGE 03 STATE 037664

THAT THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT IS FULLY ACCEPTABLE TO THE CHAIRMEN OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE COMMITTEES DEALING WITH FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND ALSO THOSE DEALING WITH THE ARMED SERVICES.

THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PLANS AN INITIAL EFFORT OF ABOUT FOUR MARITIME AIR PATROL FLIGHTS PER MONTH THROUGH SINGAPORE ENROUTE TO AND FROM THE INDIAN OCEAN. IT IS ENVISIONED THAT THE FREQUENCY MIGHT PERHAPS BE EXPANDED AT A LATER DATE TO 8-12 FLIGHTS PER MONTH. THE FLIGHTS WILL INCLUDE AN OVERNIGHT CREW REST AND A NEED FOR SUPPORT BY CONTRACT SERVICES. SOME MINOR ASSISTANCE MAY ALSO BE REQUESTED FROM THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS NO PLANS TO STATION U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL IN SINGAPORE IN CONNECTION WITH THESE FLIGHTS.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENCING OPERATIONS AS SOON AS SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE COMPLETED. THE EMBASSY ACCORDINGLY SUGGESTS THAT AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THIS NOTE BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WILL THEN BE HELD BETWEEN APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS TO IMPLEMENT THE FLIGHTS. END TEXT.
VANCE

SECRET

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 02 sep 1999
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 13 feb 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978STATE037664
Document Source: ADS
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: EA/TIMBS:REFRITTS:EVC
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: 11652 XGDS-2
Errors: n/a
Expiration:
Film Number: n/a
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t197802117/baaabdyf.tel
Line Count: 108
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Message ID: bed021cf-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: n/a
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: SINGAPORE 612 1. DURING VISIT OF PM LEE IN OCTOBER 1977, USG AND GOS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE ON STAGING P-3 ORION FLIGHTS THROUGH SINGAPORE, PRIMARILY TO IMPROVE SURVEILLANCE OF SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. PM LEE NOTED THAT HIS AGREEMENT WAS CONTINGENT ON ADVANCE
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3467153
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: P-3 STAGING FLIGHTS FROM SINGAPORE
TAGS: MIL, MARR, PINR, SN
To: SINGAPORE INFO CINCPAC
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/bed021cf-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

